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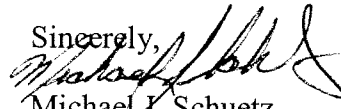
Ms. Victoria J. Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Surface Transportation Board
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Washington, DC 20423-0001

Dear Ms. Rutson:

I am a resident of Barrington, Illinois. My home, where my family and I have lived for 12 years, is 100 yards from the railroad tracks that run through Barrington. I recently heard that Canadian National Railway Company had proposed a project that would bring at least 15 more trains per day down those tracks. This announcement alarmed me greatly. I became even more concerned when I heard that this estimate did not account for large increases expected in train traffic throughout the Chicago area over the next 20 years. The drastic increase in noise, traffic, safety problems at rail crossings, potential loss of business will affect my quality of life and the quality of the environment in my community.

One of the most concerning issues is the safety of our children that travel to school on school buses. According to the statistics from our school board president, buses cross the tracks close to 400 times daily. I moved her from Fox River Grove in 1995 one week after the tragedy in which 7 students were killed and 21 injured on a bus at a rail crossing. With the increased train traffic on 2 sets of tracks and increased automobile congestion the likelihood of accidents will increase tremendously.

I have been informed that you are responsible for reviewing Canadian National Railway Company's proposal. I think that the effects I discussed above warrant serious consideration before you allow Canadian National to move forward. You hold the safety and well-being of not only my family, but that of an entire region in your hands. I trust that you and the rest of the Board will thoroughly review Canadian National's proposal for any and all effects on the environment and affected communities. Please do not approve this proposal until you are certain the safety issues, noise, air quality, economic safety, traffic density will not suffer. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Schuetz